



Ibrahim Khaled joins Pubali Bank as independent director

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Prominent banker, economist and former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled has joined Pubali Bank as an independent director.
He was the managing director of Pubali Bank from 2001 to 2006. Khaled has been associated with the banking system of Bangladesh for nearly six decades. He was the deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank from 1998 to 2001. He also served as the chairman of the board of directors of Bangladesh Krishi Bank. He has been the director, president of the executive council and a member of the trustee board of the Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela since 2000.
Born in Gopalganj in 1941, Khaled holds a master's degree in geography from the University of Dhaka and another in business administration from the Institute of Business Administration.

Standard Chartered, UCEP launch reskilling project for vulnerable individuals

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Standard Chartered and UCEP Bangladesh have jointly announced the launch of a re-skilling and employment reintegration programme for economically vulnerable individuals who have lost their livelihoods due to the impact of Covid-19.
Under this initiative, UCEP Bangladesh will conduct a rapid needs assessment study to identify the skills gaps in both formal and informal sectors, and the opportunities created by the disruptions caused by Covid-19.

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Based on the findings of this study, demand-driven training programmes will be developed that prepare participants with the skills to best meet current and future demands of the job market.
The graduates will then go through a job placement programme to complete their reintegration within the economy.
"Covid-19 is a once-in-a-century challenge that has forced us to rethink our way of life. It is also a generational opportunity, a chance to mould the new normal on our own terms, building a more resilient and equitable society," said Naser Ezaz Bijoy, CEO of Standard Chartered Bangladesh.
"Partnership with UCEP is our attempt to help the pandemic-impacted workforce to become future fit and to get reintegrated as gainfully employed workforce to contribute in our beloved nation's next journey towards prosperity."
Tahsinah Ahmed, executive director of

UCEP Bangladesh, said, "The Covid-19 pandemic has opened up opportunities in the domestic market especially in the health, agriculture and technology sectors."
"Standard Chartered has been supporting UCEP Bangladesh in skilling and upskilling of youth, especially females in demand-oriented occupations," she said.
"Through this new partnership, UCEP Bangladesh will reintegrate the youth and adults who have lost their jobs due to Covid-19 with wage and self-employment through Recognition of Prior Learning assessment, upskilling and entrepreneurship development training," she said.
"Food aid will also be provided," she added.
Standard Chartered is currently focusing its community support measures in five key areas.

One is over providing life-sustaining food and hygiene support to 120,000 individuals, providing 3,600,000 meals and personal hygiene material through Bidyanondo Foundation, BRAC and Kumudini Welfare Trust.
Another is supporting lifesaving medical services for 560 critically-affected Covid-19 patients through Sajida Foundation and Bidyanondo Foundation.
The third is supporting livelihoods of 2,000 farmers by directly sourcing 200 tonnes of fresh produce and delivering them free of cost to 200,000 direct beneficiaries with OBHIZATRIK Foundation.
The fourth is supporting education by contributing Tk 109,135,000 to the Unicef to be used for protection measures and remote education of vulnerable children.
The last is on supporting the healthcare workers fighting on the frontlines by contributing Tk 25,185,000 to Red Cross programmes.



MD Rafiqul Alam, managing director of BASIC Bank, launches a dual currency contactless Visa credit card at its head office in Dhaka recently.

Use Dutch expertise in deep-sea fishing, shipbuilding

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Addressing the programme, Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry Verweij said their companies had the scope to make joint investments with Bangladeshi ones.
He recommended enabling more flexibility to develop the business environment in Bangladesh.
Verweij also expressed his interest in supporting Bangladesh to tap into its potentials of the water and maritime economy.
M Riaz Hamidullah, Bangladesh ambassador to The Netherlands, said the technology and innovative solutions of Dutch companies could tap into the economic possibilities of riverine routes and develop the infrastructure of river ports which was environmentally friendly and a cheaper mode of transport.
He also saw good potential in growing the shipbuilding industry

with the help of Dutch companies.
Even Dutch and Bangladeshi companies can go for joint ventures in deep sea fishing which is still untapped, he said.
Saiful Islam, chairman of Western Marine Shipyard, said the Dutch companies could come to invest in joint ventures into Bangladesh's experience in building different kinds of ships, including sea bound trawlers and big ships.
He also saw a great opportunity in utilising waterways in Bangladesh to reduce logistical costs of business.
Zahedul Amin, co-founder and director of LightCastle Partners, in a presentation said dredging by the government was likely to increase the length of round-the-year navigable river waterways from the current 6,000 to 7,000 kilometres.
Inland riverine transportation can outpace road and rail transportation

across Bangladesh and develop competitive, efficient supply chains attractive to businesses, he noted.
"Our traditional boats and vessels run on single stroke diesel engines. Netherlands have long since switched to LNG engines. Conversion of engines and making vessels spill-proof is a huge opportunity," he said.
He also said the private sector of Bangladesh has few vessels and lacks the knowledge and technology for deep sea fishing. Bangladesh Delta Plan, which would take nearly \$37 billion to implement, has good scopes for partnerships in physical infrastructure development, he said.
Moderated by Mattias Brien, director of Larive International, the webinar was also addressed by Albert Hoek, an exclusive senior consultant of Broekman Logistic and Win Rietman, area sales manager of Nijhuis Industries.



MD Ahsan-uz Zaman, CEO of Midland Bank; MD Ridwanul Hoque, head of retail distribution, and Bidyut Kumar Basu, CEO of development organisation Uddipan, pose at a deal signing ceremony at the bank's corporate head office in Dhaka on Monday. Uddipan will use Midland Cash Management application for conducting their daily business banking and cash management activities nationwide.

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International Quotation Notice for Import of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice (Package-03) under 2020-2021

International quotations in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of 50,000 (Fifty thousand) (±5%) Metric Tons of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice. The particulars of international quotation are furnished below:

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh			
1	Ministry/Division : Ministry of Food.		
2	Agency : Not applicable.		
3	Procuring entity name : Director Procurement.		
4	Procuring entity code : Not applicable.		
5	Procuring entity district : Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for : Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice.		
7	Invitation Ref. No. : 13.01.0000.093.46.004.20-1722		
8	Date : 09/12/2020		
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procuring method : International Request for Quotation.		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of fund : GoB fund.		
11	Development partners (if applicable) : Not applicable.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/ programme code (if applicable) : Not applicable.		
13	Project/ programme name (if applicable) : Not applicable.		
14	Package No. : Package-03		
15	Package name : Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice.		
16	Notice publication date : 10/12/2020		
17	Document last selling date : 21/12/2020 up to 4.00pm (BST).		
18	Closing date and time of submission of quotation : 22/12/2020, Time: 1:00pm (BST).		
19	Quotation opening date and time : 22/12/2020, Time: 2:30pm (BST).		
20	Name and address of the office(s): Selling quotation documents : Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. Receiving place of quotation : 1) Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office Chamber of Joint Secretary, Room No. 114 (1st Floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Opening place of quotation : Office Chamber of Additional Director (Procurement), Room No. 517, (5th Floor), Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional) : Not applicable.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER/QUOTATIONER			
22	Eligibility of quotation : Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the quotation documents.		
23	Brief description of goods or works : 50,000.00 (Fifty thousand) (±5%) MT of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice at Chattogram and Mongla Port on CIF Liner Out term at both ends (Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring are on seller's account. Lighterage, if any, is also on seller's account). Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$ for both Chattogram Port and Mongla Port. Quantity must be supplied 60% for Chattogram port & 40% for Mongla port.		
24	Brief description of related services : Not applicable.		
25	Price of tender document (Tk) : Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (one hundred) non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate of Food. Mode of payment : Through Letter of Credit (L/C). Crop year : 2020 or latest. Validity of the offer : Up to 17.00 hrs. BST on 06/01/2021.		
26. Quality & Specification			
Quality parameters	Specification	Margin of tolerance with claim for deviation beyond specification	Rejection
Moisture (Maximum)	13.0%	14.0%	above 14.0%
Broken grain (Maximum)	5.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 2%)	6.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 3%)	above 6.0%
Foreign matter (Maximum)	0.3%	0.5%	above 0.5%
Dead, damaged & discoloured grains (Maximum)	3% in total	4.0%	above 4.0%
Radio-Activity (Maximum)	50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country)	50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country)	above 50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs
All the parameters must be limited to percentage mentioned against each item individually and separately.			
Pack No.	Identification of shipment	Country of origin	Location
Pack-03	50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice on CIF Liner out term	Any country of the world except Israel	Chattogram port-60% and Mongla port-40%
Tender security amount (US\$)		Completion time in weeks/months	
US\$ 5,00,000 in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Parboiled Rice (±5%) in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay-Order		40 (forty) days from the date of signing of the contract	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
27	Name of official inviting quotation	Director (Procurement).	
28	Designation of official inviting quotation	Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
29	Address of official inviting quotation	Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
30	Contact details of official inviting quotation	Phone: +88-02-41050178 E-mail: dproc@dgfood.gov.bd	
31	(i) Incomplete, conditional quotation and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all quotations partly or wholly without assigning any reason. (ii) Quotationer who has been awarded two LOIs (Letter of Intent) awaiting signing the contract or has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sailed for destination, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation; (iii) Quotationer who had been awarded LOIs (Letter of intent) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, will not be eligible to participate in the next two quotations; (iv) Quotationer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government Treasury or not; (v) Quotationer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, will not be eligible to participate in the quotation for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government Treasury or not.		

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Invitation for Tender (Works) Tender Notice No. 10/2020-21

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-4) 01 No. under District: Magura.

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time	Procure ment method
01	526116	e-Tender/PEDP-4/MAG/SAD/2020-21/W11.040 Construction of Academic cum Administrative Building at Magura PTI 04-Storeid Building with 06-Storeid Foundation under Sadar Upazila Dist Magura. Category: Building construction work; Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work;	12-01-2021 16:00pm	13-01-2021 12:00pm	13-01-2021 12:00pm	(OTM)

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online branches of any registered bank branches.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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